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1. DOCUMENTATION FOR FIRST SESSION SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SENA), APRIL 2-6 NOW COMPLETED AND DESPATCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. QUESTION OF BUREAU NOT FULLY RESOLVED, ALTHOUGH CANDIDACY OF J. SPAANDER OF NETHERLANDS FOR CHAIRMAN STILL UNCHALLENGED IN WESTERN CAUCUS. (SEE REFTEL (C).) LATEST INFORMATION HAS UNSPECIFIED CZECH IN LINE FOR VICE- CHAIRMAN. BISHOP UPSET AT SPAANDER CANDIDACY, SINCE HIS FIELD IS PUBLIC HEALTH, WHICH BISHOP CONSIDERS TOO NARROW FOR MEETING OF THIS TYPE. ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE UK AND NORWAY TO PRESENT CANDIDATES IN OPPOSITION TO SPAANDER WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. WE NOW INFORMED STANOVNIK TRYING TO PERSUADE YUGOSLAVIA TO PRESENT PROMINENT ENVIRONMENTALIST

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AS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN, SINCE YUGOSLAVS INSIST THEY
NEITHER PART OF EASTERN OR WESTERN CAUCUSES FOR PURPOSES OF
ELECTIONS.

3. AS TIME FOR SESSION APPROACHES, IT BECOMING INCREASINGLY
CLEAR THAT DEFINITIVE APPROVAL BY SENIOR ADVISERS OF ACTION-
ORIENTED WORK PROGRAM NOT RPT NOT IN THE CARDS. NOW THAT GDR
PROBLEM SOLVED, IT IRONIC THAT NEW OBSTACLE (E. G. HELSINKI CSCE
TALKS) SHOULD ARISE TO FURTHER DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPRE-
HENSIVE ECE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM. WESTERN CAUCUS AGREED THAT
FIRST SESSION SENA WILL BE VICTIM OF UNFORTUNATE TIMING, AND THAT
IN ABSENCE DEFINITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AT HELSINKI, THERE
LITTLE HOPE SAME GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE READY TO TAKE STAND IN ECE.
THIS POINT WAS MADE CLEAR AT MARCH 15 JOINT NATO ECONAD- ECE REPS
MEETING. SOVIET MISOFFS HAVE BEEN TAKING THIS LINE FOR SOME TIME
NOW. YESTERDAY, POLISH MISOFF IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION OF DOC.
E/ ECE/838 FOR PLENARY TOOK POSITION LITTLE OF CONCRETE NATURE
COULD BE EXPECTED TO EMERGE FROM SENA OR PLENARY. WE TOOK
POSITION THAT WHILE THIS MIGHT BE TRUE, IT IMPORTANT THAT
RESPECTABLE MOMENTUM BE MAINTAINED IN WORK ON ENVIRONMENT, AS
WELL AS IN OTHER ECE FIELDS. WE HAVE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO
SOVIETS AND POLES THAT REPEAT OF SITUATION AT FIRST SESSION
SENIOR ADVISERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (WHERE REASONABLE
WORK PROGRAM WAS FORMULATED DURING MEETING ONLY TO BE TORPEDOED
AT ELEVENTH HOUR BY SOVIETS) MUST BE AVOIDED. HOPEFULLY,
PROCEDURE WORKED OUT FOR SENA OF HAVING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION
OF WORK PROGRAM ON SECOND DAY OF MEETING WILL FORCE DELEGATIONS
TO PLACE THEIR CARDS ON TABLE EARLY IN PROCEEDINGS.

4. WE BELIEVE, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, US, WHILE ADOPTING POSITIVE
POSTURE TOWARD ECE WORK PROGRAM AND INDICATING THOSE ELEMENTS
TO WHICH WE GIVE PRIORITY, SHOULD NOT PRESS FOR ADOPTION NOW OF
COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM, IF AS SEEMS TO BE THE CASE, THERE NO
SENTIMENT TO TAKE FIRM DECISIONS DURING FIRST SESSION.

5. IN LIGHT COMPLETE IMPASSE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST WHICH
DEVELOPED IN RECENT SENIOR ECONOMIC ADVISERS SESSION OVER
TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SOVIET REFUSAL TO ADOPT ANY VERSION, IT
UNLIKELY AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE SENA WILL BE FORTHCOMING
AT FIRST SESSION. RIMESTEAD

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